

HCS HB 1048 -- DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS FOR WASTEWATER OR WATER
TREATMENT PROJECTS

SPONSOR: Kidd

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 7 to 1 with 1 present. House Committee Substitute voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill authorizes any city to enter into a specialty construction design contract for a wastewater and water treatment project and prohibits the Department of Economic Development from rejecting the project solely for utilizing a specialty construction design when disbursing grants under the Community Development Block Grant Program. The bill prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from precluding specialty construction design contracts from consideration for funding provided by the Water and Wastewater Loan Fund and cities must retain a licensed engineer to assist with bid procedures and specialty construction design projects.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill is useful in encouraging state departments to provide federal and state funding for small, rural projects involving water and wastewater.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kidd; Missouri Society of Professional Engineers; and The Bio2 Solution.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that it does not involve architects, and they prefer that it remain limited in that manner.

Testifying on the bill was American Institute of Architects of Missouri.